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DIAGNOSTIC ALGORITHM FOR )  
FOUR-WHEEL STEERING )  
SYSTEMS )

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**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTORSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES  
TO OVERCOME CITED ART (37 C.F.R. § 1.131)**

This declaration is to establish conception of the invention in the present application in the United States, at a date prior to December 7, 2000, which is the effective (filing) date of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0004720 A1, cited by the Examiner.

We, the undersigned inventors, Reeny T. Sebastian, Karen A. Boswell and Brian D. Lemanski declares and says that:

1. We are the sole inventors of the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application.
2. We conceived in the United States the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application prior to December 7, 2000, and then worked on diligently reducing the invention to practice in the United States by filing the above-identified application.

3. As evidence in support of this prior conception and reduction to practice, submitted herewith is the following evidence of activity done in the United States.

The Exhibit is a copy of a Delphi Record of Invention, assigned Docket No. DP-304592, dated prior to December 7, 2000 (with the date redacted), prepared by the inventors and witnessed (also prior to December 7, 2000), which clearly included a detailed description and sketches, which show conception of the invention.

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**Record of Invention  
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Request for Intellectual Property Investigation**

This Record of Invention provides written documentation of your invention and initiates a process that may result in the filing of a patent application.

Delphi Unit: Delphi Saginaw Steering Site/Location: Delphi Saginaw

Product group this invention applies to: EPS

Invention Title: Rear sensor Diagnostics for Quadrasteer

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Quadrasteer system uses a rear sensor mounted on the pinion to measure the absolute position of the rear wheels. Rear sensor signal 1 is used for initialization, and signal 2 is used for more accurate measurement. If the sensor signals are intermittent, shorted to ground, battery, open or to each other it will cause the reading to be corrupted and hence the rear wheel angle estimation to be incorrect. This diagnostic algorithm will detect any of these issues, thus preventing an unintended steer.

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In the quadrasteer system the rear wheel angle is measured by a sensor which has 2 sensor signals 1 and 2 as shown in Fig(1). The diagnostics implemented in this algorithm determines whether the rear sensor signal1, and signal2 are in the specified range. This will protect the system from the sensor signals being shorted to battery, shorted to ground and open etc. The 2nd part of the algorithm looks for correlation between the signals 1 and signal2. Signal2 can be of the same value, but in different window ranges as shown in Fig(1). This diagnostics protects the system from rear conditions of the sensor signals 1 and 2 shorted to each other and so on.

Fig(2) shows the block diagram for range diagnostics and correlation diagnostics implemented in X-math. The inputs are sensor signals 1 and 2 varying with time. The simulation results are attached in Fig(3). This shows how as the sensor signals are varied, the range and correlation faults are triggered.

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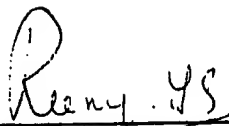


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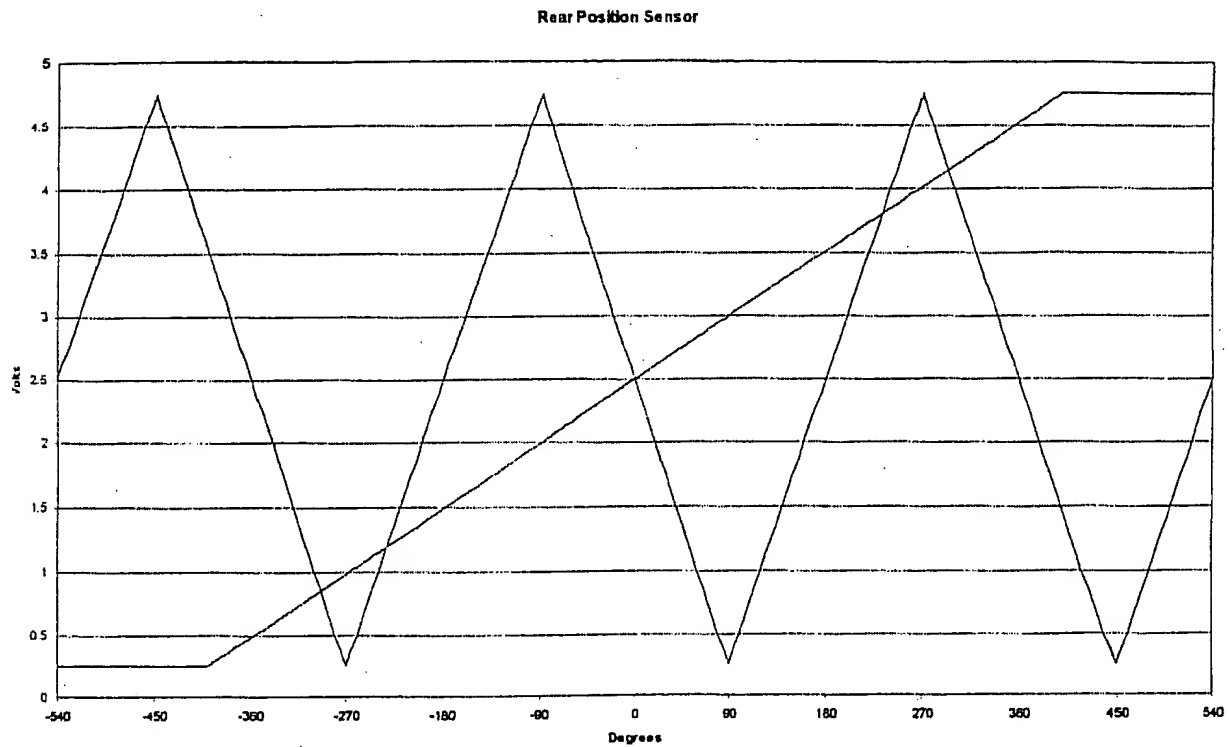
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**Figure (1): REAR POSITION SENSOR SIGNALS FOR THE QUADRASTEER SYSTEM**



WINDOW	ABSOLUTE SIGNAL
SIGNAL WINDOW (-2 )	Bet 0.25 V and 1 V
SIGNAL WINDOW (-1 )	Bet 1 V and 2 V
SIGNAL WINDOW ( 0 )	Bet 2 V and 3 V
SIGNAL WINDOW ( 1 )	Bet 3 V and 4 V
SIGNAL WINDOW ( 2 )	Bet 4 V and 4.75 V





Fig (3)

0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2

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